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## **.100 DESCRIPTION OF A.S.A.P. PROGRAMS**

The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) is a systems approach to impact the drinking/driving problems in Virginia. This systems approach consists of the following countermeasures:

1. Enforcement
2. Judicial
3. Classification
4. Education/Treatment
5. Public Information/Education
6. Evaluation

ASAP is a statewide referral program. As an agency of the court system, ASAP only receives referrals from courts. To participate in ASAP, the defendant may petition the court. Motion is made by the defendant or his attorney after a plea of guilty to driving under the influence or after the court has found the defendant guilty as charged. Each defendant is assigned a case manager who will monitor program participation, assist with problem areas and report to the court. An assessment is made by the case manager to the extent of the client's problem and at this point the client will be referred to a community agency for treatment (i.e., CSB).

ASAP is a self-supporting system. The mandated fee is designed to cover the following:

1. Screening and Evaluation
2. Case Management Services
3. Program Administration
4. Education and Substance Abuse Treatment\*
5. Public Information and Education

\*Substance Abuse Treatment is very expensive and requires individual, group, and other therapeutic activities; therefore, the cost of this treatment is not fully covered by the ASAP fee. Each defendant assigned to treatment is expected to share the cost of the service. The cost will vary between agencies; however, every consideration is given to the cost to the defendant prior to referral. Health insurance covers cost of treatment in many cases.

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ASAP provides the following services to defendants referred to its program:

1.        Screening and Evaluation
2.        Case Management Services
3.        Education and Substance Abuse Treatment

Defendants are referred to community programs for substance abuse treatment. Often ASAP has a contractual relationship with community agencies to provide this service.